

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 23–30 and 33–40 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1–22 of U.S. Patent 6,622,089.

Applicants cancel previously withdrawn claims 31, 32, and 41, and 42, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 23–30 and 33–40 are pending in the above-captioned patent application. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's double patenting rejection. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, which obviates the rejection of claims 23–30 and 33–40.

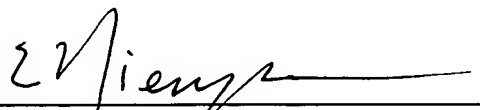
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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